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1. ANOTHER WASHINGTON DATE-LINED ARTICLE ON BOYCOTT QUESTION HAS APPEARED IN CAIRO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS. EGYPTIAN GAZETTE SEPTEMBER 8 CARRIES STORY ON HOUSE COMMERCE OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT TO EFFECT THAT AT LEAST \$4,500 MILLION IN US TRADE WITH ME IN 1974 AND 1975 WAS SUBJECT TO BOYCOTT REQUESTS." ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH QUOTATIONS FROM REPORT UNCOMPLIMENTARY TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND NOTED SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION THAT CURRENT US STATUTES BE AMDNED TO OUTLAW COMPLIANCE WITH ARAB BOYCOTT.

2. STORY FURTHER CITES WALL STREET JOURNAL'S CHARACTERIZATION OF BOYCOTT AS "A BAD THING", ALONG WITH QUESTION RAISED BY
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THAT NEWSPAPER AS TO WHETHER TAX PENALTY PROVISIONS PROPOSED

BY SENATOR RIBICOFF CONSTITUTE CLEAR AND ENFORCEABLE LAW OR
WHETHER, IN PHRASE OF WALL STREET JOURNAL, SUCH WOULD BE
"SIMPLY A DEVICE FOR HARASSMENT".
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